



Referral Pack For Parents, Schools, Local Authorities & Professionals

1. About Pathway Ponies

Pathway Ponies is a small, nurturing alternative provision set in the peaceful countryside of Wendover, Buckinghamshire. We offer trauma-informed Equine-assisted Learning, Wellbeing sessions and Alternative Provision for children and young people aged 12 to 18, with a focus on supporting those who struggle in traditional educational environments.

Our tailored, non-ridden sessions with miniature ponies help learners develop vital life skills, build emotional regulation, and grow in confidence. This hands-on, therapeutic approach particularly benefits pupils with SEMH needs, neurodivergence, school-based anxiety, or those with experience of trauma.

We work closely with schools, SEND teams, Local Authorities, and families to provide either short-term support or long-term alternative provision placements. Sessions are offered on a one-to-one basis or in carefully structured small groups of similarly aged peers.

Sessions are bespoke, pupil-centred, and led by experienced professionals in a quiet, natural setting. We are proud to also support children in care, EOTAS placements and pupils with EHCPs.

Young people aged 12 to 18 attending Pathway Ponies also have the opportunity to work towards ASDAN Short Courses certifications and ASDAN LifeSkills Challenges, tailored to their interests, abilities, and engagement level.

2. Referral Criteria

Pathway Ponies accepts referrals for children and young people who:

- Experience emotional or behavioural difficulties that affect their learning
- Are neurodivergent,
- Are living in care, on EOTAS packages, or have an EHCP
- Have experienced trauma or are at risk of exclusion
- Struggle with school attendance, confidence, or regulation

We support children from age 8 up to 18, and aim to re-engage them through meaningful, relationship-based experiences that support both wellbeing and personal development.

3. Referral Process

To begin the referral process, please complete the form included at the end of this pack and return it to us via email. Once received, we will:

- Review the referral details and requested support
- Contact you to arrange an introductory visit or phone call
- Schedule an 30 minute taster session, cost £30pp. This is to identify if Pathway Ponies can meet need and is an ideal placement

A completed referral form, relevant medical or behavioural information, and consent from parents or carers will be required before placements can begin.

4. Required Documents

To proceed with a referral, please include:

- A completed referral form (below)
- Behavioural or risk assessments (if applicable)
- Medical details and signed parental consent
- SEN information or EHCP (if available)
- Funding confirmation

5. Costs

Standard 1:1 session: £40/hour

Group sessions (max 6 participants): £80 per half day (2hours) per pupil,

Invoices issued termly unless otherwise agreed.